ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A surface covering comprising at least one layer containing aluminum oxide is disclosed. Preferably, the aluminum oxide is present in the outermost layer of the surface covering which is exposed to the environment. A method to improve wear and/or stain resistance to a surface covering is also disclosed and includes adding an effective amount of aluminum oxide to a top coat layer or outermost layer of a surface covering. Methods of making the surface covering are also disclosed.

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